

Question: What is the Grant Application Period?

Answer: The application period is December 11, 2023 to January 12, 2024.

Question: What are the selection criteria?

Answer: Grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis until we reach the cap of \$300,000.

Question: How much is the grant for/ is there a maximum amount?

Answer: SWMDs can request a grant up a \$10,000 max amount.

Question: Is a match required for this grant?

Answer: There is no required match for this grant program. The grant is 100% paid, but you are required to spend the money and submit documentation to be reimbursed the funds.

Question: Is this for SWMDs only or can Cities and Counties also apply?

Answer: Priority is given to SWMDs. If a county does not have an SWMD, then another agency can apply. However, only one award will be given for that county.

Question: Will this only cover the cost of tire disposal, or will it cover promotion, etc?

Answer: The grant can cover promotion up to a cap of \$500. The main use of funds should be for the collection, disposal, and/recycling of waste tires.

Question: What if there are multiple/different locations for the collections?

Answer: Multiple/different locations are acceptable; you would just document your plan and locations in your application.

Question: Is there an online list on the IDEM website of tire processors with their numbers?

Answer: https://www.in.gov/idem/waste/files/permits_issued_reg_facilities_waste_tire.pdf

Question: What number are you looking for in regard to waste tire processors, transporters, and/or storage sites?

Answer: We are looking for the registration number issued to them by IDEM indicating they registered with the state. The numbers will be in the following format listed on the document referenced above: XXX-T-XXXXX, XXX-S-XXXXX, or XXX-P-XXXXX

Question: Is this for stand alone tire collection events or can funds be applied towards costs of a tox-away day – only the waste tire portion of the event?

Answer: This is for any waste tire event in your county whose goal is to keep tires out of the environment. If you are applying the funds toward part of a tox-away day, you must submit detailed documentation of how much the tire portion of the event cost. Please review the manpower question below.

Question: Who does the application need to be sent to (name and email)?

Answer: WasteTireGrants@idem.IN.gov

Question: We currently accept tires on a daily basis with a fee. Could this cover for us to take the tires at no charge for a period of time or are you preferring actual events?

Answer: This is for any waste tire event in your county whose goal is to keep tires out of the environment. Please keep and submit detailed documentation showing that the funds were spent on the collection, disposal, and/or recycling of waste tires.

Question: What about multicounty districts? How many grants would be allowed?

Answer: Only one grant is allowed for an SWMDs. If the counties are part of a SWMD, individual counties cannot apply instead.

Question: Is this only for residents or if there is a business/farm that has old waste tires that need to be disposed of, can we include businesses/farms?

Answer: This is for any waste tire event in your county whose goal is to keep tires out of the environment. Please keep and submit detailed documentation showing that the funds were spent on the collection, disposal, and/or recycling of waste tires.

Question: Would approved grant expenditures cover reimbursement of manpower hours for example our highway department and equipment rental?

Answer: The grant can only pay for manpower if the cost is not already covered by tax dollars (for example, it could cover the cost to hire someone for the event, like a waste tire transporter/processor but could not cover staff already employed by the SWMD).

Question: Where do I show the expense of Manpower on the application?

Answer: Expenses are not required on the application. The application requires a brief summary of your project that includes a list of primary purchases and goals.

Question: Could it be used at transfer stations to collect tires at a lesser cost for a period of time?

Answer: This is for any waste tire event in your county whose goal is to keep tires out of the environment. Please keep and submit detailed documentation showing that the funds were spent on the collection, disposal, and/or recycling of waste tires.

Question: Is it for all sizes of tires? Even larger agricultural tires? Tires on rims?

Answer: This grant is for all sizes of tires and can include agricultural tires and/or tires on rims. The goal of this grant is to keep tires out of the environment. Please keep and submit detailed documentation showing that the funds were spent on the collection, disposal, and/or recycling of waste tires.

Question: Will IDEM be reaching out specifically to some SWMD that do not seem active?

Answer: IDEM currently has no plans to do additional outreach beyond the initial emails already sent out about this grant opportunity.

Question: Is there a time frame that the funds have to be used by?

Answer: The funds should be used, and the expense report submitted to IDEM within in one year (365 days) of the official grant award.

Question: When will the funds be awarded?

Answer: The exact date is unknown as a completed Grant Agreement must be completed and signed by both parties. We anticipate this should be done prior to June 30, 2024. However, we will notify applicants of our intent to award them a grant by March 30, 2024.

Question: On the expense report, what if we used a VISA credit card instead of a check?

Answer: The expense report only requires proof of payment. If a method other than a check is used, simply submit the appropriate documentation.

Question: The expenditure report is to be used only for reimbursement, correct?

Answer: Yes, in order to receive reimbursement, you would submit the expense report along with appropriate documentation on how the money was spent.

Question: When will the grant applications be reviewed and are we able to attend the actual meeting to learn more about the review questions?

Answer: We anticipate all grants applications will be reviewed by the end of February, 2024. As the grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis, we currently do not plan to have a meeting that could be attended as we review the applications.

Question: Do you want "in-kind" reported so the committee is aware of what the SWMD is spending?

Answer: An "in-kind" is not a requirement of this grant. IDEM requires that an expense report be submitted with appropriate documentation (e.g., receipts and proof of payments) showing funds were spent on reimbursable expenses such as promotion (up to cap of \$500), collection, disposal, and/or recycling of tires.

Question: Should the expenditure report include copies of cancelled checks cashed?

Answer: Appropriate documentation showing that funds have been spent on allowable expenses should be submitted to IDEM. Allowable expenses include promotion (up to cap of \$500), collection, disposal, and/or recycling of tires.

Question: Should I list more than a transporter on the application?

Answer: You should put on the application, the final destination (processor, landfill, recycler) of the tires if you have only contracted with a Transporter.

Question: We typically open only to our county, if we accepted them from surrounding Indiana counties and kept track of which county they came from, would that be acceptable, or would you prefer we stick just to our county?

Answer: This is for any waste tire event whose goal is to keep tires out of the environment. Please keep and submit detailed documentation showing that the funds were spent on the collection, disposal, and/or recycling of waste tires. No tires from out of state should be accepted.

Question: Do you want a paper report or an electronic report?

Answer: Electronic is the preferred method.

Question: Can you explain what are considered "Major Activities" in the report?

Answer: "Major Activities" are the main items of your plan. For example, hosted a tire event that collected X tires. Tire were picked up by X transporter and taken to X processor for disposal and/or recycling. We created flyers and social media posts to advertise for the event.

Question: What is the typical cost to do a 1 day amnesty day using a tire processor?

Answer: Due to variability, IDEM is unable to provide an estimate. A fellow SWMD suggests reaching out to districts in your area to inquire with them about their costs.

Question: What if the community supplies MORE waste tires than we budget for in this project? For instance, we only budget for \$9,000 but the community brings in enough tires that the processor charges us \$12,000.

Answer: IDEM will only provide funds up to the grant amount awarded. A suggestion from a SWMD is requiring advance registration to keep track of how many tires would be coming in and to allow for a cut off of registrations once the cap was reached.

Question: Could a department of sanitation within a SWMD apply if the City does their own waste and recycling separate from the county's SWMD?

Answer: Priority is given to SWMDs. If a county does not have an SWMD, then another agency can apply. However, only one award will be given for that county.

Question: Where can the recorded webinar be found?

Answer: It is currently on the IDEM's main page under featured topics at

www.in.gov/idem/ , the direct link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62BAqCuSX7k&feature=youtu.be>

Question: Is a large tire clean up project on private property eligible?

Answer: This is for any waste tire event in your county whose goal is to keep tires out of the environment. Please keep and submit detailed documentation showing that the funds were spent on the collection, disposal, and/or recycling of waste tires.

Please review the manpower question.

Question: Can we use a waste tire processor, transporter, and/or storage site in Enforcement with IDEM?

Answer: No facility in Enforcement may receive grant dollars. If you are uncertain if the entity you are planning to use is in enforcement, you may email wastetiregrants@idem.in.gov. In the event that the business you initially indicated is in enforcement, you may select another.

Question: Will a notice be sent out that the \$300,000 limit has been reached?

Answer: Currently IDEM has no plans to do this.

Question: What if my county doesn't have an SWMD?

Answer: Another governmental agency may apply for this grant at the county's discretion (e.g., a highway department, a health department). However, please be aware only one award for the county will be given. If the county has an SWMD, that agency should apply.

Question: Can a Soil and Water Conservation District apply for this grant? If so, would they just select the county?

Answer: At this time, preference will be given to SWMDs. However, if the county doesn't have a SWMD, another organization could apply. In that case though, only one grant per county will be awarded.

Question: Can I use a solid waste processor instead of a registered waste tire facility?

Answer: Yes, a solid waste processor is a type of permit that supersedes the registration required by waste tire facilities. If you use a solid waste processor, please put their Solid Waste Program ID# (format – XX-XX) on the grant application. A waste tire transporter may still be needed.

Question: Do I check self-processing if we are collecting the tire?

Answer: No, self-processing is for if you intend to cut up the tires yourself before taking them to a final disposal facility.

Question: We are planning on holding a waste tire amnesty day as part of this grant, is there anything we need to do?

Answer: Please comply with 329 IAC 15-1-(c).

Question: Can we partner with other organizations such as county government and/or not-for-profits?

Answer: A SWMD may partner with another organization (please place details in application), however, the grant will be awarded to the SWMD and the SWMD will be responsible for complying with the grant terms.

Question: I'm having trouble signing the application form electronically, what do I do?

Answer: You may always print, sign, and then scan the document to IDEM.